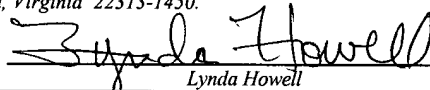


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Dear Sir:

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Prior to calculation of the filing fees and to examination of the above-referenced application, please amend the application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS**

1 – 52 (currently canceled).

53. (new) An expandable power converter system comprising:  
a backplane configured to receive power converters and to transmit at least electrical power signals to or from the converters; and  
a plurality of modular power converters, each power converter including power electronics circuitry for converting input power to output power having desired electrical characteristics, the